

July 11, 2013

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Dear Mr. Hatayama:

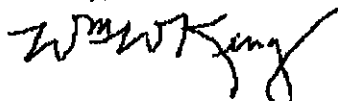
The Council on Accreditation of the Association for Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care (AAALAC International) has reviewed the report of the recent site visit to the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, Berkeley, California. The Council commends you and the staff for providing and maintaining an exemplary program of laboratory animal care and use. Especially noteworthy were the strong administrative commitment to the program, evidenced in part by the investments in facilities, personnel, the new computer system and other infrastructure as well as fostering a culture of compliance and high quality animal care and use; the comprehensive and integrated occupational health and safety program; the robust veterinary medical care program; the effective husbandry program; the excellent training program for animal care staff, research staff, and members of the Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC); and the active and engaged IACUC members. The Council is pleased to inform you that the program conforms with AAALAC International standards as set forth by the *Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals*, NRC 2011. Therefore, **FULL ACCREDITATION** shall continue.

Council acknowledges receipt of the correspondence dated March 14, 2013 detailing actions taken relative to concerns expressed by the site visitors during the exit briefing. Specifically, the items addressed satisfactorily included: modifying IACUC terminology to be consistent with applicable policies and regulations; discontinuing the use of snap traps; reviewing mouth pipetting procedures for safety; retraining staff on the use of room activity logs; and assessing the need to observe zebrafish daily.

Council has no further recommendations to offer for improvement of the animal care and use program at this time. We look forward to following your program activities and wish you continued success.

AAALAC International requires an Annual Report detailing changes made during the year in accredited units. In the interim, AAALAC International expects to be apprised in a timely manner of significant programmatic changes or concerns should they occur. Please note that, at your request, AAALAC International will provide your institution with a separate letter simply verifying that your animal care and use program is accredited. Should you also wish to distribute an electronic copy of this letter to program staff, a Portable Document Format (pdf) version will be sent upon request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William W. King".

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